

CDASS in HCBS-SLS Task Group
The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
The Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

November 7, 2014
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

OMNI Institute, The Logan Building: 899 Logan Street, 6th Floor, Denver CO 80203

Participating Task Group Members:		Participating State Staff:	
Christy Blakely – Family Member		Lauren Stanislao – DIDD	
David Bolin – PDPPC Member		Lori Thompson – DIDD	
Pat Carney – Foothills Gateway		Roberta Aceves – DIDD	
Katherine Carol – Family Member			
Steve Hemelstrand – Family Member*			
Rick Noll – Family Member*			
Laurie Phipps – Family Member			
Hanni Raley – Arc of Aurora			
Bonnie Silva – Developmental Pathways			
Charlene Willey – Family Member*			
Participating Guests:			
Gerri Frohne			
Liz Wuest			
Pam Latham			
Mikelle Learned			
Cassidy Dellamonache*			

Agenda Item	Status/Decisions Made	Assignments/Commitments
Purpose of the Meetings	The charge of this task group is to make policy recommendations for the implementation of participant direction in the HCBS-SLS Waiver	
I. Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roberta Aceves welcomed everyone to the CDASS in HCBS-SLS Task Group and everyone introduced themselves. Lauren Stanislao reviewed the rules of this task group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task group members must signal facilitator when having a comment or question to allow all members to participate and have a voice in this discussion Any task group member who misses two or more meetings will no longer be able to participate in the voting process of the 	<p>Questions about the summary or the meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lauren Stanislao 303-866-2684 Lauren.Stanislao@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>

	<p>recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any task group member who arrives to the meeting thirty minutes late or more will need to keep all comments until the public comment period 	
II. Overview of CDASS and HCBS-SLS Waiver	<p>Roberta Aceves provided a brief overview of Consumer Direction Attendant Support Services (CDASS) and the Home and Community Based Services Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) Waiver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home and Community Based Service-Supported Living Services provides services to adults who either live independently or receive services from other supports Services include: Assistive Technology, Behavioral Services, Homemaker Services, Day Habilitation Services, Dental Services, Home Modifications, Mentorship, Non-Medical Transportation, Personal Care Services, Personal Emergency Response System, Professional Services, Respite Services, Specialized Medical Equipment, Supported Employment, Vehicle Modifications, and Vision Services Consumer Direct Attendant Support Services (CDASS) is a service delivery option which allows individuals to select, train, and manage attendants An individual may choose an Authorized Representative to assist with managing attendants and allocation Consumer Direct Attendant Support Services (CDASS) are currently available in the Elderly Blind and Disabled Waiver, Community Mental Health Supports Waiver, Spinal Cord Injury Waiver, and Brain Injury Waiver 	<p>For questions regarding CDASS and HCBS-SLS:</p> <p>Roberta Aceves 303-866-5145 Roberta.Aceves@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>
III. Task Group Discussion and Key Informant Themes	<p>Robert Aceves and Lori Thompson compiled a list based on group discussion of what is working and not working in CDASS and the HCBS-SLS Waiver:</p> <p>What is working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer Direct Attendant Support Services is a streamlined process with minimal paperwork Home and Community Based Services Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) Waiver provides community access (Supported Community Connections) Home and Community Based Services Supported Living Services covers Assistive Technology warranties Home and Community Based Services Supported Living Services covers services that are not covered under the Medicaid State Plan Supported Employment allows for a discovery of hobbies and interests that may lead to employment Individuals are able to stay in the home <p>What is not working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move from employees to Independent Contractors 	<p>Lori Thompson 303-866-5142 Lori.Thompson@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Roberta Aceves 303-866-5145 Roberta.Aceves@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear of a reduction in services • Case Manager Turnover – Ineffective case management thus clients/families provide the training for case managers • Turnover in provider agency direct staff – difficulty finding qualified providers • Excessive paperwork in HCBS-SLS • Transportation Issues • Inflexibility of funding • Service Plan Authorization Limit (SPAL) will be maxed out with full utilization within CDASS • The Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (the Division) has rigid training requirements • Rural areas have no choice of service agency • Fifteen minute fee-for-service documentation requirements and overhead requirement to agencies versus direct staff wages • Flexibility of wages • Safeguards need to be implemented in Authorized Representative process • Over protect individuals and Dignity of Risk • Fear of liability with Case Management Agency (CMA) <p>Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment/Transitions • Individual capacity/growth • Cultural effects • Center-based versus community-based • Need ‘benefits navigators’ • Housing – Section 8 • Connection to other Services • Range of capacities • Comprehensive Outreach and Education for all stakeholders statewide that is accessible to all (videos. Website) • Use of Independent Contractors versus employees • Need for self-Advocates and peer mentors within the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) system • Issues of prioritization within the SPAL 	
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V. Public Comment	<p>Attendees provided questions and requested follow up from state staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline lists rule making occurring concurrently with the review of the Federal Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) which may mean that rule may need to change as a result of the CMS review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The waiver amendment and the rules will be submitted simultaneously. The rules or the waiver may need to be adjusted following review from CMS. The timeline may also need to be adjusted due to CMS feedback • If Health Maintenance is outside of the SPAL then there is a concern regarding meeting the needs of the individual within the \$45,500 waiver cap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health Maintenance will be outside of \$45,500 waiver cap • There is concern that there may be discrimination toward the 24 families who are currently receiving 1915 (i) as there may be a decrease in the allocation when CDASS is available in the HCBS-SLS Waiver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Division is working with the 24 families to ensure that their needs will be met going forward. The Division is committed to continuity of services for these 24 families. This task group is charged with addressing implementation of CDASS for the entire I/DD system • Concerns regarding a person's ability to make choice for himself/herself and choose a CDASS attendant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clients in the HCBS-SLS waiver will need to meet the same criteria that other CDASS clients need to meet regarding ability to make personal choices. If a client is unable to manage all of the CDASS responsibilities but wants to direct his/her own care and is in stable health, the individual may select an Authorized Representative to assist with the CDASS responsibilities • There needs to be awareness when implementing CDASS into the HCBS-SLS Waiver that changes may affect other participants who are already receiving CDASS in other waivers or may effect what the Participant Directed Programs Policy Collaborative (PDPPC) is already doing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Division does not foresee the implementation of CDASS in the HCBS-SLS Waiver affecting participants in other waivers. The Division is working with the PDPPC and the recommendations to implement CDASS in the HCBS-SLS Waiver will be reviewed by the PDPPC. The task group was formed to make recommendations for the implementation of self-direction in the HCBS-SLS Waiver • Meeting notes need to be robust and have everything included on paper and provide an opportunity to speak to any issue that has not been addressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The meeting summary will provide as much information as necessary. An audio recording of each meeting will be available to task group members. Meeting summaries will be reviewed by the task group • Slide 5 of the Power Point presentation shows differences within the Agency, 	<p>Roberta will email waiver, rule, definition of Health Maintenance, and visual explanation of services available through CDASS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Roberta Aceves 303-866-2684 Roberta.Aceves@state.co.us 1570 Grant St. Denver, CO 80203 </p>
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	<p>IHSS, and CDASS delivery models and should be re-visited to review any barriers that may exist and that may change the current CDASS service delivery option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Power Point presentation provides a foundation of the HCBS-SLS Waiver and CDASS as a service delivery option to address the varied levels of CDASS and HCBS-SLS experience among task group members and the public. The task group members will identify barriers that may exist in the implementation of CDASS in the HCBS-SLS Waiver • How will Health Maintenance be billed? How will billing effect the wage limits there are already found in the HCBS-SLS Waiver? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The billing process will be the same as it currently is under CDASS and wages will be set by the client or Authorized Representative and will not be the same as the wage limits in the HCBS-SLS Waiver. • There were several families who were part of the pilot project who chose the Home and Community Based Services for the Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (HCBS-EBD) Waiver who may also receive a reduction in services with the implementation of CDASS into the HCBS-SLS Waiver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Families who may experience a reduction in services may contact the Division directly to discuss these concerns • Consumer Direct is the training vendor who will begin January 1, 2014 and the vendor is currently in the process of hiring Colorado staff. • Attendees also requested information regarding the three new Fiscal Management System vendors and Roberta Aceves informed that attachment had been provided with this information. 	
V. Adjournment	The next CDASS in HCBS-SLS Task Group Meeting will be November 21, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the OMNI Institute, 899 Logan St. 6 th Floor, Denver, CO 80203	